

Hi Fans,

We hope all of you enjoyed the Holidays and that you will have a very happy 1975. Many thanks from Richard, Karen, Mom and Dad Carpenter, Rosina, Patty and myself for the fantastic cards and gifts we recieved. All cards were on display during the holidays and many will be placed in Carpenters books of memories. Holidays in the Carpenter house were busy ones. Aunts, Uncles and Cousins jetted from Baltimore, Md. and Northford Conn. for a family gathering. The Christmas tree was a huge Douglas Fir, so thick with branches and needles that all ornaments had to be placed at the foremost branch tips. Truly a beauty. The marshmallow castle which Curt Mercer built for them last Christmas was displayed on the large cocktail table in the living room. This year Curt built the "grounds" with scenery to complete the display. Scenery included a moat which surrounded the castle, a pond (made from blue glass) with skaters, tiny animals, trees, snow, a lollipop meadow and a candy cane lane. Tiny colored lights enhance the grounds and draw attention to some of the miniatures. The castle itself is truly a masterpiece. To get it all together, Curt used 81 gumdrops, 8 candy canes, 6 peppermint sticks, 6 cake cones, 14 toothpicks, 1 package green and red mints, 1 package candy confetti, 5 round flag candies, 38 pieces of hard candy, 104 buttermints, 17 peppermint wheels, 9 white peppermints, 188 charms, 33 chocolate kisses, 56 caramels, 192 sugar cubes, 4,513 miniature marshmallows, 6½ pounds of sugar, 23 feet of wiring and 6 Christmas light bulbs. The bulbs were wired inside the cake cones which had been dipped in colored parafin and placed upside down on top of the towers. The marshmallows represent white rocks and the many colored square charms make up the court yard. A tiny drawbridge spans the moat. It took Curt 144 hours to construct this magnificent display plus added time this year to construct the grounds. The entire display was carefully transported to their new home the evening of their annual Christmas party, where it drew "ooos" and "ahs" from their delighted guests. The annual party was a huge success. Karen was a most delightful hostess, extending a warm welcome to each guest by greeting them at the door with a hug & kiss. Tables were heavy with a variety of tasty food which had all been prepared by Mabel Reed, a fantastic cook and cateress. I'm sure we all went away a few pounds heavier. December 19 K & R did 2 shows at Disneyland. It was Trojan night there and the big, handsome men on the football team were being honored for earning their way into New Years day Rose Bowl game. It was one of our rare, cold California nights and though K & R both wore denim outfits, they were freezing cold on the outdoor stage. Karen's thirst for knowledge for the art of cooking has led her to enroll in a cooking class. She is already an excellent cook but wants to learn as much about cooking as she possibly can. Richard spends his daylight hours working on songs and arrangements for their new albums. Occassionally for a change of pace and relaxation, he takes a short jaunt on his new 450 Honda, with Karen following on her new 125. Looks like their long awaited three month vacation has gone down the drain. They were to work three months on new albums and then spend April, May and June just "doing their own thing". But demands for appearances have been so great that vacation months have been replaced with bookings. The following schedule is tentative and subject to changes, cancellations, and/or additions. Though I try to keep you notified of schedule changes, it is sometimes impossible to do so. A concert may be added, deleted or postponed between newsletters.

April 3 AMES, Iowa - Iowa State U.	July 11 TORONTO, Canada - O'Keefe Center
4 HAYES, Kansas - Kansas State	(11 thru 13)
5 DENVER, Colorado - Auditorium	14 & 15 CUYAHOGA FALLS, O. Blossom Center
7 COLORADO SPRINGS, Co. - Air Force Acad.	16 - 19 INDEPENDENCE, Mich. - Pine Knob
15 WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Auditorium	20 ERIE, Penna - ????
16 LAKE LAND, Fla. - Arena	21 - 26 WALLIN FORD, Conn. - Oakdale Theater
17 JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Auditorium	27 SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY - Perf. Arts
18 & 19 ATLANTA, Ga. - Civic Auditorium	28 - Aug 3 WARWICK, R.I. - Music Theater
20 COLUMBIA, S.C. - Coliseum	4 - 9 HOLMDEL, N.J. - Garden State Arts
22 - 27 VALLEY FORGE, Pa. - Music Theater	10 & 11 COLUMBIA, Md. - Merriweather Post
May ---- Open	12 CHICAGO, Ill. - Ravinia
June 12 - 25 LAS VEGAS, Nev. Riviera Hotel	21 - Sept. 3 LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Riviera Hotel

Fans in England and Japan will be happy to learn that K & R will make a return trip to their countries this fall. England is scheduled for September/October and Japan for October/November. A detailed schedule is in preparation now so I will let you know more definite dates in later Newsletters. By now, you all know that K & R's latest single PLEASE MR. POSTMAN is number ONE across country. This means they are number one on BILLBOARD, CASHBOX and RECORD WORLD charts. They heard the good news Friday, January 17 and the following Monday it hit gold.

We receive numerous favorable comments and requests for more of the question and answer sessions we print from time to time so here we go again. Questions picked at random. No special order.

Q. When will their next album be out and what will they call it?

A. They will try to release their new album before April with a "live in concert" following shortly after. They have not yet decided on a name for the new album.

Q. Where was the CLOSE TO YOU album cover picture taken?

A. On the rocky coast of Pales Verdes, California. The point of land in the background to the right of Karen's shoulder is where the Greek freighter The Dominator was lost when it got too close to shore on a foggy night and foundered on the rocks.

Q. Where was the pic for THE SINGLES taken?

A. Lake Tahoe, Nevada

Q. Do K & R wear platform shoes?

A. Occassionally. They each have a pair in their wardrobe.

Q. Where did Karen get the "Tugboat" sweater she wore on the Perry Como show?

A. She bought it at Fred Segal's in Beverly Hills, Cal.

Q. Where were their parents born?

A. Mom Carpenter was born in Baltimore, Maryland and Dad Carpenter was born in Fuchow, China.

Q. Are any of their grandparents living?

A. No.

Q. How many aunts and uncles do they have?

A. On their Mom's side - two aunts and on their Dad's side - two aunts and one uncle.

Q. Do they have any other brothers or sisters?

A. No.

Q. How long does it take the stage hands to set up all their equipment?

A. Three to four hours.

Q. What is their favorite TV show?

A. All In The Family

Q. Is Karen still an avid baseball fan & which is her favorite team?

A. At one time she favored the Yankees, but has no favorite team at present because she has had no time to watch the games.

Q. Did Richard play baseball when he was a youngster?

A. Only occassionally. He much preferred playing the piano.

Q. What sports do they like now?

A. Karen still likes to play baseball. Richard prefers handball. They both like to ride their bicycles and their motorcycles.

Q. What is their favorite season of the year and why?

A. Summer. They both like the warmer weather.

Q. What is Karen's favorite perfume or cologne?

A. "Occur" by Avon

Q. Of all the foreign countries they have visited, which one do they like the most?

A. Japan

Q. What are their favorite flowers?

A. Karen loves roses (all colors) and carnations. Richard likes yellow roses.

Q. Is the single SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN available thru the fan club?

A. Yes it is. MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING is on the flip side. Same price - \$1.25

Q. Have they ever been afraid to fly in a plane?

A. No.

Just this minute received a copy of the tentative schedule for Europe. Looks like K & R will be spending nearly a month with their fans there.

#### NOVEMBER

7	AMSTERDAM	Concert Hall	20 & 21	SOUTHPORT	New Theater
8	ROTTERDAM	Doelen	22	LIVERPOOL	Empire
9	THE HAGUE	Congress Hall	23	LEICESTER	De Monfort
10	EINDHOVEN	Jubilee	24 & 25	BIRMINGHAM	Hippodrome
11	GRONINGEN	Martini Hall	26 & 27	BRISTOL	Hippodrome
12	BRUSSELS	Forest National	28	LONDON	Royal Festival
14 & 15	MANCHESTER	Belle Vue	29 & 30	BOURNEMOUTH	Winter Garden
16	WAKEFIELD	Leeds Club	DECEMBER 1 thru 3 LONDON Royal Albert Hall		
17 & 18	GLASGOW	Apollo	NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS - Please remember both schedules are		
19	EDINBURGH	Usher	tentative.		

One last question:

Q. Who is Ev?

A. That's me - Evelyn Wallace - K & R's personal secretary. Been with them since 1969.

Rap in April

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